

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

PASTOR FAUSTO PALAFOX,  
ALBERT LOPEZ,  
ALBERT BENJAMIN PEREZ,  
JAMES PATRICK GILLESPIE,  
ERNESTO MANUEL GONZALEZ,  
BRADLEY MICHAEL CAMPOS,  
CESAR VAQUERA MORALES, and  
DIEGO CHAVEZ GARCIA,

Defendants.

2:16-cr-00265-GMN-CWH-1-4, 6, & 14-16

DATE: October 21, 2019

Courtroom 7D

THE HONORABLE GLORIA M. NAVARRO, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

DEPUTY CLERK: Aaron Blazevich

COURT REPORTER: Heather Newman

COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF: Dan Schiess, John Han, and Tracey Batson with Special Agent Matthew Neal, Investigator Peter Grimm, and Officer David Arboreen, Special Agent Matthew Wear

COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT: Amy Jacks, Daniel Hill, Andrea Luem, Jess Marchese, Christopher Oram, Shawn Perez, David Fischer, Michael Kennedy, Mark Fleming, Marcia Morrissey, Kathleen Bliss, Ivette Maningo with Tatum Wehr and Lucy Hallett

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS: Jury Trial (Day 37)

9:22 a.m. The Court convenes outside the presence of the jury. The Court informs the parties that **JUROR 8** informed called the Courtroom Deputy regarding a family emergency. There being no objections from counsel, **JUROR 8** is excused. The Court and parties discuss pending motions. Motion in Limine to Preclude the Introduction of Lozano's Prior Immunized Testimony, (ECF No. 1908), is **DENIED**. The Motion in Limine to Preclude Testimony by Government Witness Les Skelton, (ECF No. 1918), is **DENIED without prejudice**. Mr. Fleming and Mr. Kennedy make further arguments. Mr. Schiess responds. Ms. Luem and Ms. Jacks make argument regarding witness **TERRI BEAM**. Mr. Schiess indicates the Government will not call this witness today. Mr. Schiess makes representations regarding EXHIBITS 17A and 18A, which the Government intends to use during the testimony of **DEBRA GODINEZ**. Ms. Jacks and Mr. Kennedy respond. The Court does not issue a ruling at this time on the Motion in Limine to Preclude the Introduction of Testimony Regarding the Mexican Mafia, (ECF No. 1909).

10:44 a.m. The Court stands at recess for a morning break.

11:13 a.m. The Court reconvenes outside the presence of the jury. Mr. Hill makes arguments regarding the testimony of **DEBRA GODINEZ**. Mr. Schiess responds.

11:18 a.m. The jury enters the courtroom. **DEBRA GODINEZ**, called on behalf of the Government, is sworn and testifies on direct examination by Mr. Schiess. **EXHIBIT 17A & 18A are ADMITTED into evidence**. Ms. Jacks conducts cross examination on behalf of Mr. Palafox. The witness is excused.

11:48 a.m. **GLENN GREER**, called on behalf of the Government, is sworn and testifies on direct examination by Mr. Schiess. **EXHIBITS 299A, 299B, 299C, 299D, 299E, 299F, 299G, 371A, and 371B are ADMITTED into evidence**. Mr. Fischer conducts cross examination on behalf of Mr. Gonzalez. **EXHIBIT 369 is ADMITTED into evidence**. Mr. Schiess conducts redirect examination on behalf of the Government. Mr. Fischer conducts recross examination on behalf of the Government.

12:38 p.m. The jury is admonished and excused for a morning break.

12:39 p.m. The Court reconvenes outside the presence of the jury. The Court and parties discuss the questions posed by jury.

12:44 p.m. **GLENN GREER**, called on behalf of the Government and previously sworn, responds to questions posed by the jury and read by the Court. The witness is excused.

12:47 p.m. The jury is admonished and excused for lunch. The Court stands at recess.

1:35 p.m. **RETIRED DETECTIVE LES SKELTON**, called on behalf of the Government, is sworn and testifies on direct examination by Mr. Schiess. **EXHIBIT 372A, 372B, and 372D are ADMITTED into evidence**. Mr. Fleming conducts cross examination on behalf of Mr. Lopez. Mr. Schiess conducts redirect examination on behalf of the Government. Mr. Fleming conducts recross examination on behalf of Mr. Lopez.

2:46 p.m. The jury is excused for an afternoon break.

2:47 p.m. The Court reconvenes outside the presence of the jury. The Court and parties discuss the questions posed by jury.

2:50 p.m. The jury enters the courtroom. The Court indicates that it will not ask the one question received on behalf of the jury for **RETIRED DETECTIVE LES SKELTON**. The witness is excused.

2:52 p.m. The jury is admonished and excused for the evening.

2:53 p.m. The Court asks which witness will be called next. The Government indicates it will call **SCOTT "GATOR" RIVERA**. Mr. Schiess indicates he will not ask questions which might be impacted by Mr. Palafox's Motion in Limine to Preclude the Introduction of Testimony Regarding the Mexican Mafia, (ECF No. 1909). Ms. Luem indicates there may be another issue in regards to statements made by **SCOTT "GATOR" RIVERA**. The Court **DENIES without prejudice** the Motion in Limine to Preclude the Introduction of Testimony Regarding the Mexican Mafia, (ECF No. 1909). Mr. Fleming requests the defense be able to start cross on Wednesday, October 22, 2019, if the Government finishes direct of **SCOTT "GATOR" RIVERA** before the end of the day on Tuesday, October 21, 2019. The Court approves the request. Ms. Bliss indicates there may be an issue regarding an exhibit to be used with **SCOTT "GATOR" RIVERA**. Mr. Schiess indicates he will not be using any footage regarding the shooting in Reno with this witness.

3:00 p.m. The Court adjourns.

Jury Trial continued to Tuesday, October 22, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. in Courtroom 7D before Judge Gloria M. Navarro.

DEBRA K. KEMPI, CLERK  
U.S. DISTRICT COURT

BY: /S/  
Aaron Blazevich, Deputy Clerk